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**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF
NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED
UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. **00T-004** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **May 31, 2000**

MANUFACTURER: **Metzeler Motorcycle Tire North America**


MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **Mr. Sherwood Willard - Vice President**

FAX: **203-784-2378**

SUBJECT: **2,235 ME 880-front and rear motorcycle tires, sizes 130/70 R 18 M/C 63H TL ME and 160/80 R 16 M/C 81H RF.TL manufactured between July 12, 1999, and May 25, 2000. These tires show unacceptable high speed stability at speeds in excess of 60 mph. The motorcycle will begin to weave and the driver could possibly lose control.**

This is an **initial** acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

If you have any questions, please call:

 Kelly Schuler, Recall Analyst or Jonathan White, Chief
on (202) 366-5227 or by FAX (202) 366-7882
Recall Analysis Division

Faxed on 6/8/00

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Mr. Sherwood Willard
Vice President
Metzeler Motorcycle Tire North
America Corporation
300 North Pottstown Pike #280
Exton, PA 19341

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Dear Mr. Willard:

We have reviewed Metzeler Motorcycle Tire North America Corporation's (Metzeler) Defect Information Report dated May 31 and the proposed owner/dealer notification letters submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports," and Part 577, "Defect and Noncompliance Notification." This recall involves 2,235 ME 880-front and rear motorcycle tires, sizes 130/70 R-18 M/C 63H TL ME and 160/80 R 16 M/C 81H RF.TL manufactured between July 12, 1999, and May 25, 2000. These tires show unacceptable high speed stability at speeds in excess of 60 mph. The motorcycle will begin to weave and the driver could possibly lose control. *The assigned NHTSA identification number for this campaign is 00T-004.*

Metzeler is responsible for the remedy of these tires from this date forward, regardless of age or ownership. You should know that the agency provides a listing of safety recalls to the media at the end of each month. This recall may be a part of that listing.

NOTIFICATION TO PURCHASERS:

We have reviewed your proposed owner/dealer notification letters and envelop and it meets the requirements of Part 577. Please provide us with a final version of the owner letter when it becomes available.

Quarterly Status Reports

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. The current calendar quarter began on April 1 and ends on June 30, 2000. Since owner notification will not begin until late in the quarter, Metzeler's first quarterly report will be due on or before October 30, 2000.

The following chart provides due dates for each of the six quarterly reports.

<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>QUARTER BEGINS</u>	<u>QUARTER ENDS</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
1 st Quarter	July 1, 2000	September 30, 2000	October 30, 2000
2 nd Quarter	October 1, 2000	December 31, 2000	January 30, 2001
3 rd Quarter	January 1, 2001	March 31, 2001	April 30, 2001
4 th Quarter	April 1, 2001	June 30, 2001	July 30, 2001
5 th Quarter	July 1, 2001	September 30, 2001	October 30, 2001
6 th Quarter	October 1, 2001	December 31, 2001	January 30, 2002

Recall Communications

Communications pertaining to safety recalls and issued by Metzeler to more than one distributor, dealer, purchaser, or owner are to be submitted to this office within 5 days of issuance as described under 49 CFR Part 573.5(c)(9). Where this information is sent over a period time, the communications are to be submitted within 5 days from the date the communications were first sent, and furnish the date, or range of dates, each communication was issued. This includes information transmitted by computer, telefax, or other electronic means; and initial or interim communications. All copies are to be in readable form and a written transcript should be provided for each non-written communication. Also, if the communication was not nationally and uniformly distributed, then identify the criteria used for the distribution.

Manufacturer Communications

Part 573.8, "Notices, Bulletins and Other Communications," requires that every motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment manufacturer shall furnish a copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications (including warranty and policy extension communiques and product improvement bulletins) to manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or purchasers, regarding any defect in its vehicle or items of equipment (including any failure or malfunction beyond normal deterioration in use, any failure of performance, or any flaw or unintended deviation from design specifications), whether or not such defect is safety related. These notices or communications are to be submitted, regardless of the media used to transmit the information. Where communications are made orally or electronically, provide a transcript. In all other cases, provide the information in the media form used to transmit the information. On a case by case

basis, we may require written transcripts of this material as well. Copies are to be submitted monthly, not more than 5 working days after the end of each month.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kelly Schuler at (202) 366-5227 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jonathan D. White, Chief
Recall Analysis Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Safety Assurance